

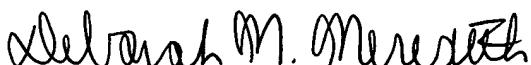
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OBTAINED BY MEANS OF SAID METHOD

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IN THE CLAIMS

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✓ 8. A method of using a composite material, comprising:

a supporting material in the form of sheet or roll constituted by a mixture of a reconstructed leather material or natural leather an embossed covering surface layer including a film in polyethylene, to provide a composite material of only two materials, the materials being the supporting material and the polyethylene film; and

the composite being for producing a product being selectively footwear soles and/or heels and/or vamps and/or toes, and/or suitcase elements spectacle-cases and/or briefcases, and/or chairs or sofas elements or structures or furniture or furnishing elements, and including the step of forming the material into a shape to produce at least one of the products.

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